

## Local Talents Capture Key Roles In 'Bad Seed'

Torrance was well represented Sunday, February 17, at the Chapel Theatre when Kathy Hogan, the understudy for Rhoda in the "Bad Seed," performed for the first time. Also from Torrance in major roles are Joe Harestad, the mother, and Ed Cantle, as Leroy.

### First Night

Kathy, who is the 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, 1527 El Prado, gave a convincing portrayal of the mean, keen-minded Rhoda after many long hours of study, rehearsal and concentration. Her facial expressions, which are one of the keys to Rhoda's personality, gave depth and meaning to the child's character and won plaudits for Kathy in her interpretation of the role.

She can be seen in the two remaining Sunday performances, February 24 and March 3, at the Chapel Theatre, 1613 Gould Lane, Manhattan Beach. Kirby Gangel, Manhattan Beach, is regularly cast in the role and will perform on the Friday and Saturday nights of the same weekends.

As the mother, Christine, Jo Harestad, 2849 Onrado, gave an excellent performance. The difficult role calls for hysterics in many of the scenes. Jo has an enviable quality of control on stage which is so important in an emotional role of this kind. Although this is her first appearance with the Chapel players, she as an impressive background in the theatre evidenced by her ability to tackle the part so masterfully.

### Wins Scholarship

The versatile and talented actress won a scholarship from the University of Southern California last summer to the Idlewild Arts foundation and was

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chosen for the lead in both theatre productions. An Accent Theatre mainstay, she will be remembered for her role in "The Night of January 16." Her most recent effort was a character part in Accent's "The Women," and she designed the set for "The Fourposter."

Ed Cantle, 1309 Florwood, started his acting career in England in musicals and light opera as well as British documentary films. In the "Bad Seed," as Leroy, the ill-fated handyman, he proves his acting mettle as one of the best

supporting actors in the cast. His English-Scottish accent and well-timed twitches, plus a red beard, combine to make Leroy a colorful and at the same time, a very sympathetic character.

Also active in Accent Theatre, Ed played in "January 16," "Rose Tattoo," "Parade Devils Bridge" and "Minnie Fields."

### Wide Selection

Director Don Gish and producer Steve Sands assembled a well-balanced cast of South Bay actors and actresses for the many varied roles in the Maxwell Anderson chiller. They include Tomye Black, Joe White, Marion Lepper, James Egea, Ellen Hall, Tom Massey, Fred Leighton, and Walter Buck. —D.P.



Torrance Trio On Stage

Leroy, center, played by Ed Cantle, is not the most popular character in Chapel Theatre's, the "Bad Seed." Jo Harestad, left, as the mother interrupts a heated conversation between the handyman and her daughter, Rhoda, played by Kathy Hogan.—Press Photo

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